

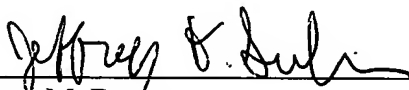
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Applicants resubmit the above claims with proper status identifiers to indicate the precise status of each claim. While the claims have been amended, the amendments do not add or modify the scope of the claims in any way. Rather, the amendments remedy formal deficiencies that originally existed in the claims' depiction of variables and mathematical operators (for example, the term "EV" had been mistakenly used to indicate a " $\Sigma$ ").

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